

Critical Information for Out of State Builders

The state of Alabama requires a home builders license issued by the state of Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board in order to perform construction on a residence when the cost of the undertaking exceeds \$10,000.00. The Board's website, www.hblb.alabama.gov, has all of the information and links required to assist you in applying for a license.

***Apply for a License**

Go to www.hblb.alabama.gov to apply online for a home builders license. You must submit an application, order a credit report, pass a written test, and, if you are applying as a corporation, provided requested documents. Assuming all documents are provided and the applicant meets all licensing requirements, the process generally takes from 3 to 6 weeks.

***Exam Exemption**

The Home Builders Licensure Board recognizes the ability and experience requirements (written exam) from the following states: South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. This means that you may be exempt from taking the state of Alabama home builders exam based on verification of your license from one of these issuing states.

***Insurance**

The state of Alabama does not require liability insurance in order to issue a license. However, you may be required to carry workers' compensation insurance. Contact Department of Industrial Relations for further information.

**For general questions, contact Sandy Hallmark at:
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***Local Licensing**

Holding a state of Alabama home builders license, or an out of state construction license, does not exempt a builder from holding the required local licenses, permits, and registrations. Contact the local city or county building department to find out what other licenses, permits, or registrations are required.